

COUNCIL CHAMBERS--CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL--CITY OF LODI
March 6th., 1933

The City Council of the City of Lodi met in regular session at 8 o'clock P.M. on the date first above written, Councilmen Clark, Keagle, Spooner, Weihe present, Councilman Steele, (Mayor), absent. In the absence of the Mayor, on motion of Councilman Keagle, Weihe second, Councilman Spooner was chosen Mayor pro-tem and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held February 20, 1933 were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the Mayor.

No persons appearing at this time, the order of Public Hearings was passed and the Council proceeded to hear communications and reports.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of February was received, read and ordered filed, likewise the report of the City Poundmaster for the same period.

The Clerk read a letter from the City Attorney of Beverly Hills calling attention to certain harmful sections in the compulsory school consolidation bill now pending in the State Legislature as Assembly Bill 897, and on motion of Councilman Weihe, Keagle second, the Clerk was directed to write Senator Crittenden and Assemblyman Thorp, asking them to oppose this bill in its present form and stating reasons therefore.

A letter from G.R. Caden, President of the League of California Municipalities relating to proposed diversions from the gasoline tax was read. The Council decided that it was opposed to diversion of this money to pay bond interest and redemption and endorsed Assembly Bill No 1172 providing for allocation of gasoline tax money to municipalities as this bill might be altered and modified by the League.

The City Clerk reported that Mr W. B. Hogan, City Manager of the City of Stockton was mailing notices calling a meeting of all cities from Chowchilla to Sacramento for Saturday, March 11th at 10.30 A.M. to discuss a proposed amendment to A.B. 1172 or any other matters in connection with gasoline taxation and its distribution.

On representation by the City Clerk that the water turn-on charge numbered 3814 should be cancelled against the tenant at 541 East Walnut Street as a relief measure, it was so ordered on motion of Councilman Keagle, Weihe second.

The City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance declaring Lodi Avenue throughout to be a boulevard and the City Clerk was ordered to arrange for proper signs.

The City Clerk was directed to write the Seagrave Corporation in regard to the condition of the rear wheels on No 3 fire truck and have them inspect their condition in regard to wood shrinkage.

Fire Chief Polenske reported that he had obtained a price of \$158.00 for replacement of the rear tires on No 2 truck and was authorized to proceed.

The oral application of J. R. Worden for street lights on South Stockton Avenue was laid over for consideration in the absence of Superintendent Henning.

Mr Frank A. Henning addressed the Council on behalf of The Lodi News, claiming that that publication was entitled to the contract for the printing of the City for the calender year which had been awarded to The Lodi Sentinel. This matter was referred to the City Attorney and the Committee on Finance and Revenue.

Councilman Weihe, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and safety reported that it would cost \$25.00 to screen in the porch of the dwelling at the Sewage Disposal Plant. The Committee was authorized to proceed.

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Councilman Weihe was authorized to purchase 20 pounds of grass seed for the Bath House Park at 25¢ per pound.

Three building permits aggregating \$800.00 were ordered granted.

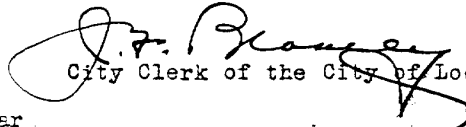
At this time Mr B. W. Creim, Electrical Engineer of Modesto Irrigation District, Mr A. W. Stratton, a Director of the District and Mr C. Thompson of the Public Ownership League of America appeared and on invitation of the Mayor, took seats at the Council Table. These gentlemen appeared to warn the Council that certain amendments proposed to the so called "Riley Plan", if adopted, would be very harmful to publicly owned utilities, taking away all home-rule powers from the Councils and Directors governing these utilities and vesting them in either the State Board of Equalization or in the State Railroad Commission.

By unanimous consent, the City Attorney and the City Clerk were directed to give immediate attention to these matters and to write the Assemblyman and Senator representing this district particularly to oppose Senate Constitutional Amendment No 30 and its companion bill in the Assembly as well as other measures aimed to cripple public ownership.


Bills in the amount of \$10,425.17 as approved by the Finance Committee were ordered paid on motion of Councilman Weihe, Keagle second and the Mayor pro-tem then signed the warrants.

On motion of Councilman Weihe, Keagle second, the City Council then adjourned to and until the day and hour of its next regular meeting to be held March 20, 1933.

Attest:


City Clerk of the City of Lodi

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held March 6th, 1933 were read at length and approved without correction at a subsequent meeting of the said City Council held March 20th., 1933.


Mayor of the City of Lodi

March 20, 1933.